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The Wisconsin Energy Independent Communities Partnership: A Voluntary Partnership to Achieve 25x25





Energy Independent (EI) Communities

History

- Winter/Spring 2008
 - Over 20 US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement – signatories
 - Over 20 Eco-municipalities (The Natural Step)
- Spring/Summer 2009
 - Almost 90 counties, cities, villages, towns, tribes & school districts
- 25x25 Resolution
 - Only requirement, voluntary participation
 - 25x25 will be part of State of WI climate change legislation this session



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25x25 Plan Grant

- EI Pilot Communities
 - 10 groups (23 communities) are completing plans to create a pathway to 25% renewables by 2025
 - First plans due December 2009
- Second Generation Communities
 - Use ARRA opportunities to fund second round of 25x25 Plan Grants
- Create a state-wide data base
- Use information in future for GHG databases



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ARRA Outreach/ EECBG

- Entitlement Communities (31)
 - Met with top 5 to discuss/brainstorm opportunities
 - Awards \$5.8 - \$1 million
 - Different issues from other entitlements
- Hosted two workshops
 - Walked through EECBG application
 - Shared State of WI strategy
 - Encouraged early application



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ARRA Outreach/ EECBG

- Non- entitlement Communities (1,300+)
 - Hosted three workshops
 - Used UW-System schools & WI Tech Colleges
 - Focused on “Green Job Development”
 - Discussed *draft* of WI EECBG application
 - Shared WI priorities
 - Used “Green Jobs Survey” for projects
 - Provided a “Pre-application Checklist”

Questions?



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